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Re: Applicant: Roger E. Weiss

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For: Elastomeric Interconnection Device and Methods for Making Same

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Response in reply to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001, in the subject application. Also enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$460.00 for the filing fee for a three month extension of time.

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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001, in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

AMENDMENT A

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as set forth below. A clean copy of the claim as amended is in the appendix to this response.

1. An elastomeric device for electrically interconnecting two or more components, comprising:

an elastomeric matrix having one or more outer surfaces;

[one or more] a plurality of electrically conductive pathways through said matrix, the pathways each comprising a plurality of particles; and